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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ANUZHIS CASE

REF: BRUSSELS 1700

1. FROM INFORMATION RELATED IN REFTEL IT WOULD APPEAR PLAUSIBLE THAT ANUZHIS HAD A CHANGE OF HEART. DURESS, HOWEVER, CANNOT BE RULED OUT IN DEPARTMENT'S VIEW AND BELGIAN AUTHORITIES WERE PROPERLY CAUTIOUS IN ALERTING AIRPORT AND SEAPORT AUTHORITIES. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH ANUZHIS DEPARTS COUNTRY.

2. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO PASS ON TO BELGIAN AUTHORITIES US PRACTICE IN HANDLING SUCH CASES IN VIEW OF FAIRLY EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE HERE AND IN VIEW OF ANUZHIS REQUEST FOR US ASYLUM.

3. IN ALL CASES OF REDEFLECTION USG REQUIRES THAT SOVIET EMBASSY PERMIT STATE DEPARTMENT AND IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES TO INTERVIEW SOVIET NATIONAL PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO
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DETERMINE THAT HIS RETURN IS COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY. AT

THESE PRE-DEPARTURE INTERVIEWS, WHICH ARE HELD IN STATE DEPARTMENT, SOVIET NATIONAL IS ASKED WHY HE CHANGED HIS MIND AND WHETHER ANY PRESSURE WAS BROUGHT TO BEAR UPON HIM. STATE DEPARTMENT PHYSICIAN IS PRESENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER INDIVIDUAL MAY BE UNDER INFLUENCE OF DRUGS. ONE RPT ONE SOVIET CONSULAR OFFICIAL IS PERMITTED TO BE PRESENT

AS AN OBSERVER, BUT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN INTERVIEW. SOVIET EMBASSY HERE INITIALLY OBJECTED TO PRE-DEPARTURE PROCEDURES, BUT HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE IN PAST YEAR. KISSINGER

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